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30 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Joint Chiefs of Staff**

**ATTENTION:**

**Colonel Lloyd M. Marr  
Joint Staff Advisory Member, NIS Committee**

**SUBJECT:**

**Request for Information on the Status of  
NIS Production**

**REFERENCE:**

**Your 2 October 1959 memo, same subject,  
and Enclosure "Questions on NIS Status"**

1. The following, in which the paragraphs refer to the paragraphs as numbered in the **CINCPAC Enclosure**, is forwarded in response to the referenced memorandum.

**Paragraphs 1 and 4**

In July 1956, the NIS Committee discontinued the designation for certain NIS Areas of such combined-area treatments as 28-31 and 25-26 for Chapter II and some other chapters. As the NIS Maintenance program proceeds these initial combined-area sections are superseded by sections with the area designations shown in current Quarterly Reports. A note on the cover of Maintenance sections specifies which previous material they supersede. In the interim, pertinent combined-area NIS should be used when a Maintenance section on the current area basis has not been received.

**Paragraph 2**

In the 1956 edition of the Quarterly Production Report of NIS 31, Section 45, dated June 1956 appeared in the column "In Printing Process" on the 30 June 1959 issue of the Quarterly Production Report. This section was published in July 1959 and appears in the "Published" column of the 30 September 1959 issue of the Report.

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Paragraphs 3 and 5

In the 1950 revision of the content and coverage of Chapter II, the topic "Military Geographic Regions" was transferred from Section 26, which was discontinued, to a new Section 21 bearing the same title. By the 1950 revision of Chapter II the initial treatment of "Oceanography" as a Section 21 was superseded by content in an expanded Section 22 and in the Ocean Area unit bordering on the country of interest. Thus, pending publication of Maintenance units, there will be cases where Sections 21 bearing different titles and covering different subjects will remain applicable until the initial Section 21 on "Oceanography" is superseded by a Section 22 in its present form and an NIS on the pertinent Ocean Area. It should be noted that certain initial Sections 26 also will remain applicable until superseded by Sections 21 with the present title of "Military Geographic Regions."

2. The suggestion in paragraph 6 and other points raised in the Enclosure are being given careful consideration in a current review of the format of the Quarterly Report.

  
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